

Request:

1) What consultation was made regarding 179513 - Waiting restrictions request?

Letters with accompanying plans were sent to residents living in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions asking for their views on a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions at the junction of Back Percy Avenue and Norham Road. A copy of the letter and plan are attached for information.

2) Who devised the consultation and what did it comprise?

The scheme was designed by an officer from the traffic and road safety team following a report from a local resident of obstructive parking at this location. The proposal involved the introduction of double yellow lines at the junction of Back Percy Avenue and Norham Road and the relocation of existing permit parking signs. The process of sending letters with plans to affected residents to allow them to comment on proposed parking restrictions is normal North Tyneside Council procedure for this type of scheme. Depending on the result, the proposal may then be progressed to the statutory consultation stage which involves formal notices being advertised.

3) What information and evidence was presented about the proposed scheme?

The request for restrictions at this location was assessed in accordance with the criteria specified in North Tyneside Council's Parking Strategy. The request was assessed using information provided by a local resident on a parking restriction request form which included photographs to demonstrate the reported issue. The assessment process also involved site observations by officers. The letter sent to residents confirmed that the restrictions were intended to prevent obstructive parking at the entrance to the back lane thereby improving access and preventing damage to parked vehicles.

4) How were respondents selected?

In accordance, with normal procedure, those properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposed restrictions (i.e. those deemed to be most affected by the proposal) were consulted. The number and location of properties included in this initial stage of the consultation process are at the discretion of the officer dealing with the proposal.

5) How many people were consulted?

13 households were consulted.

6) How many people responded?

A response was received from one household.



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7) Where and when did the consultation take place?

Letters were sent to a total of 13 properties on Percy Avenue, Warkworth Avenue and Norham Road on 31st January 2019.

8) Who conducted the consultation?

The consultation was carried out by an officer from North Tyneside Council's Traffic and Road Safety Team

9) What qualifications did they have in this field?

The officer who conducted the consultation is an apprentice traffic engineer studying for a degree in Civil Engineering. The consultation process for this proposal followed the standard North Tyneside Council format for parking restrictions.

10) Were council departments, particularly Refuse Collection, consulted and what was the result?

The consultation only included ward councillors and affected residents. Colleagues in the Council's refuse collection team would normally contact officers in the traffic team if they are experiencing difficulties accessing a particular location. They did not do so in this case.

11) What results did the consultation produce?

Officers only received one response directly from a consultee which objected to the proposed restrictions due to the loss of parking provision. Officers were also contacted by one of the ward councillors who asked for the proposal not to be progressed further following his discussions with local residents.